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BOOK REVIEWS

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A SHORT HISTORY OF NURSING. By Lavinia L. Dock, R.N., in collaboration with Isabel M. Stewart, A.M., R.N. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2 West 45th Street New York City. Price, \$3.50.

All training schools for nurses have long been familiar with the detailed and elaborate History of Nursing written by Miss Dock and Miss Nutting. These four valuable volumes are still a necessity in the reference library of every school of nursing, but teachers and pupils alike will welcome this present volume,—a condensation of the larger work—to be used as a class text book and to be owned individually. In order to gather all requisite information into one volume it was necessary to be brief in statement and, at times, to condense a whole epoch into a few terse sentences. However, the facts are here, clearly stated, and the salient points and periods of the profession emphasized. That one may make a complete study of the subject, full bibliography is given at the end of each chapter. Some phases of modern nursing and especially the more recent developments are found only in this volume; for instance, the chapter on Nursing in the World War. The closing chapter sums up the nursing traditions and fundamental ethical principles, giving the thoughtful student an inspiring glimpse of the wonderful possibilities of this “gentlest and most beautiful of all arts.” The appendices deal with the Historical Outlines of Nursing History and the Oath of Hippocrates, with two modern adaptations.

SEX ATTRACTION. By Victor C. Vaughan, Sc.D., M.D., L.L.D. C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis. Price, 50 cents.

The booklet consists of a lecture given to teachers, and states comprehensively, without detail, certain principles connected with the subject of the influence of sex upon the character and well being of an individual, apart from reproduction. We are told that sex attraction is “that pleasure and the mutual satisfaction that come to two persons of opposite sexes when brought into association.” “It quickens ambition, modifies and often determines conduct, and weaves the delicate structure of dreams.” This being so, all who are engaged in the education of the young should always bear in mind both the good and the ill that may come to those under their care, from sex attraction. The lecture is a careful presentation of this problem; placing the blame where blame is due; warning and cautioning both the youth